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## WEALTHY AND FERTILE SULTANATE OF AUSSA



Lady Louis Mountbatten, who is heirress of the late Sir Ernest Cassel, is one of the richest women in the world, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday by the s.s. *Diamond*.

### TRouble IN THE PHILIPPINES

Compulsory Military Training

Decree Opposed by Non-Christians

Manila, To-day.

The registration of Filipino youths for compulsory military training for the first time in history has been opened up throughout the country. All eligible persons must register during the first week of April.

Considerable opposition is anticipated at various points, particularly among the non-Christian Moros. There are indications that many of the latter will forcibly resist.

Three persons were killed and many wounded yesterday in Lanau Province in a brush with 80 soldiers who used machine-guns and hand-grenades. — Reuter.

### LORD EUSTACE PERCY

Resignation From Government

London, To-day. Lord Eustace Percy, Minister without Portfolio, has resigned from the Government. He states that he is completely in accord with the Government's foreign policy.

POST TO REMAIN EMPTY The resignation of Lord Eustace Percy will not affect the stability of the Government, his letter of resignation to Mr. Stanley Baldwin making it clear that he supports the Government's foreign policy.

It points out that the appointment was not intended to be permanent and he expresses the opinion that its continuance into the financial year is unjustifiable. When Sir Thomas Inskip was appointed Minister for the Co-operation of Defence it was thought that Lord Eustace might be offered an important sub-division of the work, such as the co-ordination of supplies, but this was apparently not intended and Lord Eustace's post will not be filled. — Reuter.

### EDDIE BEAT WALSALL

To-day. Playing at today in the Northern Division of the Third Division Eddie beat Walsall by 6 goals. — Reuter.

Inquiries made at the Victoria Hotel this morning elicited the information that Mr. Justice E. E. Howell, the Acting Chief Justice is going on very well.

### GERMAN REPLY TO LOCARNO POWERS RIBBENTROP ARRIVES IN LONDON

#### DEFINITE PROPOSALS FOR BRIDGING INTERIM PERIOD

Berlin, To-day.

It was officially announced yesterday that Herr von Ribbentrop was handing the German reply to the British Government last evening. Herr von Ribbentrop was then flying to London, accompanied by Dr. Dieckhoff and other Foreign Office officials.

It is understood that the reply, while not of excessive length, fully outlines the German standpoint and contains definite proposals for bridging the interim period. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

Berlin: The decision to send Herr von Ribbentrop to England by plane yesterday afternoon was reached after bewildering moves. A meeting of the Cabinet called for the morning was postponed until the afternoon and then, it is understood, the Fuehrer's reply to the London memorandum was not ready, but it is now believed that Herr von Ribbentrop was bringing it.

The delay in preparing the reply was due to the difficulty of devising suggestions acceptable to both Britain and France and also to the fact that Herr Hitler was greatly influenced by the German election results and the Government's wish fully to consider M. Flamin's speech and the proposals for conversations between the General Staffs.

### NEW CHAIRMAN FOR FUJIKEN

Gen. Hsu Hsung-chi To Be Appointed

TO CHECK AUTONOMIST MOVEMENT

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day.

Owing to sinister influences in Fukien, the Central Authorities will shortly appoint General Hsu Hsung-chi, Vice-President of the Control Yuan, to be Chairman of the Fukien Provincial Government, it was learned here to-day.

The present incumbent, General Chen Yi, is considered as too favourable to the Japanese, some of whom are suspected to be sponsoring an "autonomous" movement in that province.

General Hsu was once in command of Kuomintang forces in Changchow, Fukien, and made a good impression on the Fukienese. Hence he is mentioned as the next Chairman, so that he may take a hand in nipping the autonomist movement in the bud.

Developments in Fukien do not disturb Kwangtung. Lt.-General Li Hon-wan, Pacification Commissioner of Eastern Kwangtung, is on leave at his villa in Wuchuan, Southern Kwangtung. He was erroneously reported to have been summoned back from Swatow "for an important conference," or "to have received instructions at Swatow" concerning ways and means in dealing with the Japanese. — Reuter.

### ROYALTY VISITS GERMAN ART EXHIBITION

Athens, To-day. — The Exhibition of German art and handicraft recently opened here was visited yesterday by King George II and the Heir-Apparent, Prince Paul, who showed great interest in the objects displayed. — Trans-Oceanic Service.



This scene from Madrid is typical of the recent election celebrations throughout Spain which turned into riots and attacks on churches as Leftist-Communist party adherents were opposed by the police. Demands for the freedom of political prisoners were granted by the administration and further disturbances were thus averted.

### ANOTHER RESPITE FOR HAUPTMANN CONDEMNED MAN IN LAST STAGES OF DESPERATION

Trenton, To-day.

Hauptmann's execution has been postponed for 48 hours. The postponement was due to the intervention of Mr. Alayne Freeman, foreman of the Grand Jury considering the case of Paul Wendel, the former Trenton lawyer, who was last week alleged by detectives to have confessed to the crime, which Wendel subsequently denied.

### BRITISH REVENUE RETURNS

Surplus Of £2,941,000 Shown By Treasury Statement

London, To-day. The Treasury announces a surplus for 1935-36 of £2,941,000. Revenue amounted to £752,920,000 and expenditure to £749,973,000. Thus the expenditure was £16,000,000 and the revenue £18,500,000 over the estimates. — Reuter.

London, To-day.

The Grand Jury, sitting all day yesterday considering whether to indict Wendel on charge of murder, instructed the prison warden, Mr. Kimberling, to hold off the execution, as they wished to investigate interesting new angles of the case.

Mr. Kimberling said that he was making no announcement at present as to whether the execution would now be fixed for tomorrow. He is entitled to carry out the sentence any day this week without a Court order.

With DRAMATIC SUDDENNESS

The respite came with dramatic suddenness, when hope had almost been abandoned and 30 witnesses had assembled in the main corridor of the prison, awaiting the execution. The Clerk of the Court of Pardons entered and solemnly read the decision of the Grand Jury.

The news found Hauptmann in the last stages of desperation. He had broken down several times during the day. — Reuter.

AUSTRIA TO REARM?

Announcement Pending By Chancellor

Vienna, To-day.

Dr. Schuschnigg is expected to announce Austria's intention to rearm in the Federal Diet to-day, when he will outline the new military system which will call on every able-bodied man to assist the country in the case of emergency.

It is understood that the development is an immediate consequence of the conference between Italy, Austria and Hungary on April 21 when the budget will be opened. — British Wireless Service.

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister announced in the House of Commons yesterday that the House would rise for the Easter recess on April 9 and reassemble on April 21 when the budget will be opened. — British Wireless Service.

London, To-day.

The interval of time between the arrival of the two first forms of wave shows that the disturbance took place about 310 miles from Hong Kong, probably to the north-east of Hong Kong, probably from the bed of the China Sea to the north-west of Japan.

The amplitude of the wave at the main shock was 30 millimetres indicating that it was a severe earthquake.

London, To-day.

The Viceroy, Despatched to India, will return to London with his wife and children and personal staff tomorrow. — London, To-morrow.

The Stratosphere balloon will be sent to India to-morrow.

It is expected to reach Delhi on April 16. — British Wireless Service.

### SEIZED BY ITALY GONDAR EXPECTED TO FALL

#### ABYSSINIAN REBELS MAY JOIN FORCES

#### PLANES CHAINED TO GROUND DURING SANDSTORMS

CHINA MAIL SPECIAL

Rome, To-day.

The whole Italian people is on tiptoe with expectation on receipt of the news from the northern front that military events in the region of Gondar, in the north of Abyssinia, have at last brought about a big issue. The capture of Gondar, which is only 20 miles north of Lake Tsana, is expected daily. The hope of attaining this goal seems all the more justified in view of the fact that the resistance to be overcome by the Italians scarcely arises from the opposition of the population, which is hardly to be taken seriously any more, but from the total absence of roads or tracks throughout the region.

The Italian advance is, however, greatly assisted by the insurrectionist movement which broke out in the north of Gondar. News constantly arrives that the Abyssinian rebels are marching towards Gondar, so that it is expected that the Italians and the revolting Abyssinians will shortly join forces.

Apart from the move towards Lake Ashangi, the move into the heart of Abyssinia is now being pushed on systematically with all possible expediency, heading towards the town of Sokota, which has a special attraction for the Italians, the climate there being specially suitable for them.

Operations, which were resumed after a long period of inactivity in the third theatre of the war, the Sultanate of Aussa, bordering the western frontier of French Somaliland, resulted in the capture of the capital, Sardo, where the Italian flag is now flying over the Sultan's residence.

Official war bulletin No. 169 streaks that the troops had not only to endure sizzling heat, but a to march through rocky and barren country without means of sustenance. The provisioning of the advancing columns was carried out by 25 planes which made about 100 landings, bringing supplies and food, water and petrol, and it is considered doubtful whether the march could have been made without assistance from the air force. — Trans-Oceanic Service.

(Continued on Page 12)

### FINANCES OF ITALY

Serious Position Disclosed

### SEVERE STRAIN ON GOLD HOLDING

Rome, To-day.

Italy's gold reserve on December 31 last was disclosed by the Governor of the Bank of Italy yesterday at about \$49 million, being a drop of \$15 million since October, since when the issue of statements has been suspended. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

London: The annual statement of the Bank of Italy affords a glimpse into Italy's financial position, which has been shrouded in obscurity since October 1935.

The gold holdings on December 31 totalled \$48.7 million, compared with \$53.4 when the bank ceased publishing its weekly returns. Moreover, of this remaining amount \$2 million was exported to Switzerland in January, a further \$2 million in February, and at least \$4 million in March. Thus the present holding cannot exceed \$40.7 million and is probably substantially less, as it is believed that also fair quantities have also been sent to France both for commercial payments and in support of the lira.

Thus if the drain continues at the same rate as in the last two months of 1935, stocks will be entirely exhausted in five or six months especially as the balances of Italian nationals abroad are becoming exhausted. — Reuter.

### NEW VICEROY OF INDIA

SAILING FIXED FOR TOMORROW

London, To-day.

The Viceregal Despatch, Lady Attlee, accompanied by her wife and children and personal staff, leaves London to-morrow for India. — London, To-morrow.

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## MAIL SCHEDULES

## AIR MAIL

Imperial Airways via Singapore  
Bandung-Amsterdam via Singapore  
Saigon-Marseilles via Saigon  
Singapore-Australia

Correspondence will be accepted for transmission by these services. Rates and all particulars are shown in the schedules exhibited at the Post Offices. All letters etc. must be marked "By Air Mail" and be handed in at the Post Office.

## CHINESE DOMESTIC AIR MAIL SERVICE FROM CANTON

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The hours of closing mails for this service at the G.P.O. are:—  
Canton-Shanghai (via Swatow)—  
Wednesday and Saturdays, Reg.  
10 a.m.; Ordinary 10.30 a.m.  
Canton-Klung-chow-Nanning—  
Monday and Friday, Reg. 10 a.m.;  
Ordinary 10.30 a.m.

Canton-Lunghow-Saturday, Reg.  
4.30 p.m.; Ordinary 5.00 p.m.  
Tuesday and Thursdays Reg. 10  
a.m.; Ordinary 10.30 a.m.

At Kowloon Central Post Office the mails will be closed  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before the above times.

The Money Order Office is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., except on Saturdays when it closes at 12 noon and on Sundays and holidays when it is entirely closed.

## INWARD MAILS

## FROM EUROPE

Carthage (via Suez) .... Apr.

## FROM U.S.A.

Pres. McKinley ..... 1  
Emp. of Russia ..... 9  
Pres. Hoover ..... 9  
Pres. Hayes ..... 10

## FROM SHANGHAI

Diamond ..... 1  
Sciyan ..... 1  
Pres. McKinley ..... 3  
Menethus ..... 7  
Motor ..... 7  
Emp. of Russia ..... 9  
Pres. Hoover ..... 9  
Andre Lebon ..... 10  
Pres. Hayes ..... 10

## FROM JAPAN

Hawaii Maru ..... 3  
Pres. McKinley ..... 9  
Emp. of Russia ..... 9  
Pres. Hoover ..... 9  
Pres. Hayes ..... 10

## FROM MANILA

Emp. of Canada ..... 1  
Nellore ..... 6  
Pres. Lincoln ..... 6  
Potsdam ..... 7

## FROM STRAITS &amp; INDIA

Menzelus ..... 6  
Creme ..... 7  
Haruna Maru ..... 10

## FROM AUSTRALIA

Nellore ..... 4

## OUTWARD MAILS

## FOR EUROPE

Chichibu Maru (via Siberia) ..... 1  
Closes: Reg. 5 p.m. Ord. 8.30 a.m.  
Emp. of Canada (via Siberia) ..... 2  
Closes: Reg. 9.15 a.m. Ord. 10 a.m.  
Carthage (via Siberia) ..... 2  
Emp. of Canada (via Siberia) ..... 3  
Closes: Reg. 9.15 a.m. Ord. 10 a.m.  
Ranchi (K.L.M. Service) ..... 4  
Closes: Reg. 9.45 a.m.  
Ord. 10.30 a.m.  
Marschal Joffre (via Siberia) ..... 4  
Hector (via Marseilles) ..... 7  
Andre Lebon (via Marseilles) ..... 10  
Closes: Reg. 9.45 a.m.  
Ord. 10.30 a.m.

## FOR STRAITS AND INDIA

Diamond ..... 1  
Van Houten ..... 1  
Hawaii Maru ..... 1  
Ranchi ..... 1  
Hector ..... 7  
Komang ..... 8

## Bringing Up Father



## WOMEN'S PAGE

## PLAIN WALLS NOW GO OUT

## Pictures Return Again

After a good long run, plain walls have gone out. Pictures have come back again, though not in the way they were. That is to say, we no longer hang up anything in a frame either because we happen to have it, or because we feel the need to cover up parts of the wall at all costs merely to break their plain expanse.

A picture and its frame must now be an integral part of the decoration of the room in which it hangs. Thus, if we cannot paint, or buy one that has the right colours, design, and frame, we have to rely upon good reproductions. Fortunately these are always to be had, from effective posters upwards to masterpieces old or new.

Other ways there are, however, in addition to pictures for decorating our walls. One of these ways is the hanging up of textiles, either flat, so that their design forms in itself a sort of picture, or in folds, curtain-wise, depending from a rod that is fixed flush with the wall. Often such a curtain will hang across an unused door, or the door or space of a cupboard which does not look well or makes the wrong kind of break in the wall in question.

## Wide Interpretation

She will lose her right to compensation only if she is hurt because of her own serious misconduct—for instance, through her wilful disobedience to an order.

The word "accident" in the Act has been interpreted very widely, and has been held to include an injury due to over-exertion or strain in the ordinary course of work, and the entry of germs or poison into the system through a cut hand.

In another case, a servant with a very sensitive skin was entitled to compensation for injury sustained through washing crockery in hot water with soft soap and soda.

A class of persons who are excluded from the Act are servants employed in casual labour.

Whether charwomen are thus excepted is a matter of fact in each case, but it has been held that employment on the Friday in every week and on alternate Tuesdays constitutes regular employment sufficient to entitle the servant to compensation.

It may be well to notice that most insurance companies will insure employers against all claims by their servants at a premium of a few shillings.

## FOR SHANGHAI

Apr.

Carthage ..... 2  
Emp. of Canada ..... 3  
Marschal Joffre ..... 4

## FOR JAPAN

Apr.

Carthage ..... 2  
Emp. of Canada ..... 3  
Marschal Joffre ..... 4

## FOR MANILA

Apr.

Nankin ..... 2  
Nankin ..... 3  
Nellore ..... 4  
Emp. of Russia ..... 9

## FOR AUSTRALIA

Apr.

Nankin ..... 3  
FOR U.S.A.

Apr.

Emp. of Canada ..... 3

## YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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ANTIC	NAP
SLAIN	CSNE
GEARIS	LSNCER
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TO	TRI
CO	CREE
RE	CA
SHARER	GIA
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ARIO	STAR
STARC	TRAP
YCIS	ESTI
STI	ESS
DOCTER	E TEASE
NOVEL	BEANS
PINE	CRIS

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GENERAL MEETING of  
Shareholders will be held at the  
Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co.,  
Ltd., Hong Kong and Shanghai  
Bank Building, on WEDNESDAY,  
21st April 1936 at noon for the pur-  
pose of receiving the report of the  
General Managers together with  
a Statement of Accounts to 31st  
December 1935.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the  
Company will be CLOSED from  
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DODWELL & CO., LTD.,  
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Hong Kong, 18th March, 1936.

### SPORT. NOTICES

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY  
CLUB

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and  
ENTRY FORMS for the  
THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING  
to be held on SATURDAY, 11th  
and MONDAY, 13th April, 1936  
(weather permitting) may be ob-  
tained at the Secretary's Office,  
Exchange Building; the Club  
House, Happy Valley; the Hong  
Kong Club; the Sports Club; and  
the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock  
NOON on Thursday, 2nd April,  
1936.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY.  
**THERAPION NO. 1**  
**THERAPION NO. 2**  
**THERAPION NO. 3**

TERAPION  
PARIS  
France

PARIS



# Sporting Page



## LO BROTHERS RECAPTURE 1920 FORM TO BEAT LAI AND KONG

### YOUNGEST CURTIS CUP SELECTION

### MISS PATTY JANE BERG'S UNIQUE HONOUR

#### EXTENDS CHAMPION AT 17

(By "Fair Field")

London, March 4.

THE youngest player ever to compete in the Curtis Cup golf match between the women of Great Britain and America is included in the recently announced American team.

She is Miss Patty Jane Berg, a freckle-faced, red-haired girl of 17, who will be one of the most interesting personalities in the forthcoming contest at Gleneagles on May 8, and in the British championship at Southport.

The daughter of a Minneapolis stock-broker, Miss Berg has been playing golf only three years, and yet, at her first attempt, she reached the final of the U.S. women's championship last year, to be beaten by Mrs. Glenna Collett Vare, one of the greatest women golfers of the age.

### ANDREWS BACK IN COLONY

#### Another Tour Of Orient

Mr. E. D. Andrews, the New Zealand Davis Cup player and holder of the New Zealand Singles Championship in 1926 and 1933, arrived in the Colony this morning on a business trip. During his short stay in the Colony he will be the guest of Sir William Hornell, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hong Kong.

Awarded a Cambridge Blue in 1928, he caused a sensation at Wimbledon when he defeated Francis T. Hunter (U.S.A.). A prominent member of the International Club, he has represented the L.C. team in Paris, Berlin, Le Touquet and India. He represented New Zealand against America in 1933 (in N.Z.) in all the Test Matches, and with Angus, (Canterbury, N.Z.) defeated John Van Ryn and Wilmer Allison.

He is a Director of the world famous Sporting Goods Manufacturers, Messrs. A. G. Spalding and Bros. and makes periodical tours of the Orient, this being one of them.

### RARE TREAT AT FENNER'S

#### Novel Relay Race

(By "FAIR FIELD")

London, February 26. I hear that M. J. K. Sullivan, the Cambridge athletic president, has invited all the full-blue clubs to compete in a relay race on March 7 at Fenner's—the third day of the CUAC sports, and that they have all accepted.

Bowling, Rugger, Cricket, Soccer and Hockey will each muster four men. The relay distance is 600 yards, one lap of Fenner's, and each man has to run 150 yards.

It should be an entertaining and, perhaps, a surprising race. I expect the Rugger Blues will win, as they used to do at Oxford when this event was included in the O.U.A.C. relays. Wooler and Cliff Jones will certainly be most valuable to them.

#### HOME RUGBY RESULTS

London, To-day.—Liamally, before the end of last season, playing at home yesterday, beat Oxford University by 8 points to 5 in their Rugby Union fixture, while Falcons, also at home, quitting the Boston Braves after a beat St. Bartholomew's Hospital quarrel with the club owner, Judge Emil Fuchs.



The England hockey team which lost to Portugal by a lone goal in the International Final at King's Park last Saturday. ("China Mail" photo).

### SOUTH CHINA "B" VERY LUCKY TO DEFEAT LYEMUN

#### Forwards' Miserable Display

#### GUNNERS FAIL IN ATTACK

(By "ROVER")

A very disappointing premier division League football match was witnessed at Sookunpoo yesterday when South China "B" defeated Lyemun by the odd goal in five in a match featured by two penalties and rough play.

The Chinese, in spite of being the better side, were lucky to have secured the points as their shooting in front of goal was miserably weak. Ho Kar-keung and Lai Shui-wing missing openings galore, while the former threw away two "open" goals.

The Gunners gave a spirited display, but were weak in attack as well as in defence, and their charge should have fallen on at least a dozen occasions.

Taylor and Sparkes, the Gunner wing-halves, were their outstanding defenders, while Morton worked hard in the centre-half berth, but could achieve nothing, although his long drives in the closing minutes gave Wong Wah-kai many anxious moments.

#### Chimy But Good

Lucas, at right-back, was sound for the first 20 minutes, but thereafter he fell away badly and it was left to Clancy, to save his charge time and again.

The Chinese defenders were very good, particularly Yeung Ah-chung and Chung Chee-ying, but Lin Tak-po did not play up to expectations, his distribution being without sense of direction, while he was inclined to hang on to the ball much too long.

Yeung Shui-yick was the most dangerous of the Chinese forwards, though Ng Po-kui, on the left-wing, was also in the lime-light at times with some splendid centres. The inside-forwards, Lai Shui-wing and Cheuk Sheuk-kam, led by Ho Kar-keung, was very weak in their shooting, although their approach work was delightful to witness.

#### Chinese Penalised

The Chinese opened the scoring when Yeung Shui-yick cut in from the right-wing and sent in a piler-driver which Durham deflected into the net in attempting to push out, but Lyemun equalised soon after when Yan Wa-king elbowed Coughlan and Taylor scored from the "spot" kick.

Lucas had the misfortune to handle in the opening minutes of the second-half, and Yeung Shui-yick again sent South China "B" ahead, and Cheuk Sheuk-kam scored their third from a centre by Yeung Shui-yick.

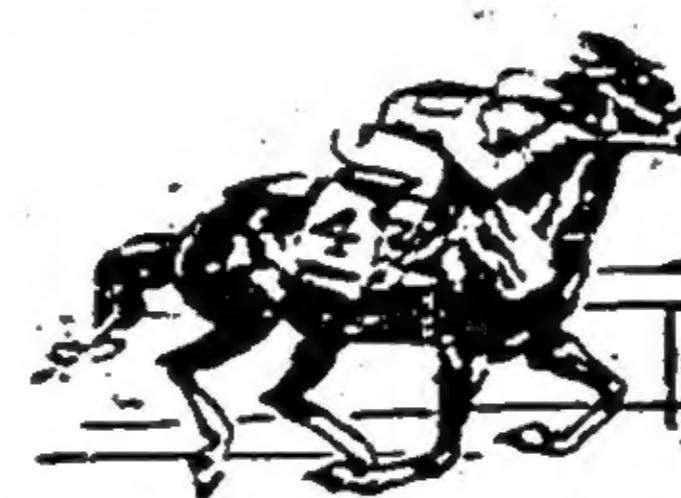
The Gunners fought back gamely and eventually Mackrell charged Wong Wah-kai, whose attempt to kick clear was foiled as the former rose to the ball, breaking it into the net. Full-time arrived soon after.

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### NEW SOVIET SKATING RECORDS MADE

#### YOUNG SPORTSWOMEN IN BRILLIANT FORM

Moscow, March 23.—At the competitions of the best Soviet skaters held in Kiev, the champion of the Soviet Union, Anikarov covered the distance of 1,500 metres in two min. and 22 secs., establishing a new All-Union record. The young sportswoman, Maria Isakova covered a distance of 1,000 metres in one min. and 45.4 secs., three thousand metres in five mins. 56 secs., establishing two new All-Union records.—Tass.



### HONEY IN "A" CLASS

#### Latest Alterations In Pony Classifications

The following are alterations and additions to the classification lists of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, dated March 17.—

#### Australian Ponies.

#### Honey to "A" Class.

#### Racing Heart to "B" Class.

#### China Ponies.

#### Cyclamen Bay to "B" Class.

#### New Star to "B" Class.

#### Miracle and Rousseau to "C" Class.

#### Festival Eve and Limeight to "D" Class.

### KWANTI RACE MEETING

#### Three Events On Saturday

Three races will be run at the Kwanti Race Course on Saturday in place of the abandoned meeting, the main event being the Ambulance Cup which starts at 3.30 p.m. A Ladies' Race and the Dowbiggin Trophy Race for members of the Machine Gun Troop, will complete the programme.

#### The Draw

By kind permission of the Chairman and Committee, the drawing of the Ambulance Cup Sweep will take place at the Sports Club tomorrow at 5.30 p.m. The result of the draw will be published on Friday or Saturday morning.

### WIMBLEDON SOLD OUT

London—Nearly 360,000 will be returned to unsuccessful applicants for centre-court seats at the 1936 Wimbledon lawn tennis championships. There are 14,000 seats available around the court.

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### PAIR'S REMARKABLE STEADINESS

#### LOSERS PLAY ONE UP AND ONE BACK

#### WINNERS' EXCELLENT POSITIONING

(By "Base-Line")

NOT content with upsetting the critics by their surprise win over A. V. Gosano and A. V. Remedios in the Second Round, the Lo brothers, who won the Colony title from Ng Sze-kwong and A. H. Rumjahn in 1920, entered the Semi-Final Round of the 1936 Colony Lawn Tennis Doubles Championship yesterday at the H.K.C.C. by a totally unexpected success over Lai Kwong-tsun, the Canton hard-courts champion, and Paul Kong, an ex-Davis Cup player, by scores of 7-5, 7-5.

The Lo brothers, playing steady rather than spectacular tennis, fully deserved their success. After winning the first set they jumped into a 5-1 lead, and, though their opponents made a very plucky late rally, the match was never in doubt. It is quite apparent that the Lo brothers have put in some very hard practice this year—M. W. Lo was quite as good yesterday as he was when he won the singles titles in 1929 from Sirdar Rumjahn, while "M. K." was steadiness personified.

Lai and Kong saved two match points in the seventh game, four in the tenth and one in the final game, but their tactics never gave their supporters any degree of confidence. Lai was too intent on remaining on the base-line, while Kong was a little careless in his positioning at the net. In modern tennis a partnership cannot be split up as Kong and Lai were yesterday, and there will always be the same result.

The positioning of the winners was an object lesson and they won their victory as much to this as to their remarkable steadiness. Lai was not getting as much pace into his shots as usual—he appeared stale—but M. K. Lo was equal to his best efforts, cleverly avoiding Kong at the net and skillfully lobbing when Lai decided it was about time he had a spell at the net. Overhead, "M. K." was exceedingly steady, while his volleys lacked nothing in accuracy. "M.W.'s" deadly overhead play, timely interceptions at the net—he killed one or two fierce cross-court drives and perfect ground shots paved the way for their surprise win, giving his brother every reason for playing confidently.

Paul Kong was good in his ground shots, but his volleys, usually his main asset, was not at all reliable, and he was far too apt to experiment with the "drop" shot to do well. He had a very easy match, however, due to the fact he was at the net, the Lo brothers concentrating wholeheartedly on Lai.

**Lai's Mistake**

Lai was steady in his ground shots, but not steady enough to beat two opponents who stormed the net on the slightest provocation. He made the mistake of taking part in long rallies with "M. W." instead of attempting to wear down "M. K.'s" dogged resistance. He was never at his ease when at the net, where, incidentally, Kong and Lai failed badly in combination, and his volleys were most disappointing. In short, Lai will have to excel himself if he is going to beat Teddy Fincher next week.

The Lo will now meet the winners of to-morrow's match between E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung and L. Goldman and T. A. Pearce, and whichever pair wins is going to have a very ticklish match in the Semi-Final Round.

The Lo brothers, with the exception of four games in the second set, played as good tennis yesterday as I have ever seen them play.

### SENRITA ANITA LIZANA RECEIVES UNIQUE HONOUR

#### Railway Train Is Named After Her

#### WILL AGAIN COMPETE AT WIMBLEDON

(By "FAIR FIELD")

London, February 28.

A friend who has just returned from Calcutta tells me that the sporting public there are, to use his own expression, "raving about" Senorita Anita Lizana, who is planning another lawn tennis tour in England this summer.

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#### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

##### Open Doubles (Third Round)

M. W. and M. K. Lo beat Lai Kwong-tsun and Paul Kong 7-5,

7-5.

Lee Wai-tong and Lok Ding-cheong beat A. Crawford and S. A. Gray 6-2, 6-2.

##### Club Handicap Doubles (Second Round)

E. Bathurst (-3/6) v. W. P. Lucy (-3/6).

A. C. L. Bowker (scr.) v. J. Thompson (+1/6). (Third Round).

##### Club Handicap Doubles (Second Round)

J. and G. Rodger (-4/6) v. W. S. Robb and W. W. McKenzie (+2/6).

##### Club Handicap Singles (Second Round)

M. Park (-15/2) beat G. E. R. Davitt (-4/6) 6-1, 8-6.

G. W. Sewell (-15) beat G. Polglase (-1/6) 6-0, 1-6, 7-5.

##### Club Championships (Second Round)

D. Macdonald received a walk-over from E. Bathurst.

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## TWO PROPOSALS TURNED DOWN

F.A. Says No Two Referees

## CLUBS WILL DISCUSS DUAL CONTROL

London, March 15.—The Council of the Football Association have turned down the recommendation of the Referees' Committee that the laws of the game be amended to permit two referees to control matches.

It was hoped, in the light of recent complaints that the game at present is improperly controlled, that the F.A. would adopt the proposal. Chief hope for dual-control now rests with the clubs, who will again discuss the matter at their annual meeting in June.

### Nursery Clubs

Instead, the Council approved a recommendation of a special commission appointed to collate information for the purpose of establishing the identity of "nursery" clubs. The recommendation read:

"Any club which is under obligation, written or otherwise, to another club, by reason of which it has not the sole and entire control of its own management, finances and players, is a 'nursery' club, and shall not be permitted to take part in the same competition or competitions in which the club to which it is under obligation competes."

It was decided at the meeting that the International Trial match, England v. the Rest, be played on the Manchester United ground on Wednesday, March 25. The teams will be selected in London on March 17. The English team to play Scotland in the International match at Wembley on April 4 will be chosen in Sheffield on March 30.

## ANOTHER GOLF CHALLENGE

### SOME POWERFUL ALLIANCES

Essex golfers are chuckling over the result of the £100 a side challenge match against the Croydon Alliance players. Most people believed that the Croydon team, in which there were three Ryder Cup men, including the Open champion, would win.

The victorious Essex players—Hodson, Dailey, Adams, and Denny—are prepared to accept a challenge on the same terms from any Alliance in the country. The Liverpool Alliance, with W. H. Davies, a former Ryder Cup player, B. Gadd, and the brothers Richard and John Burton, should have an excellent chance of success.

The same remark applies to the Herts Alliance, who can call on three ex-Open champions—Alec Herd, Ray, and Havers—and Abe Mitchell. As foursome partnerships, Havers-Mitchell and Herd-Ray would be difficult to beat.

### OWEN-SMITH'S RIVALS

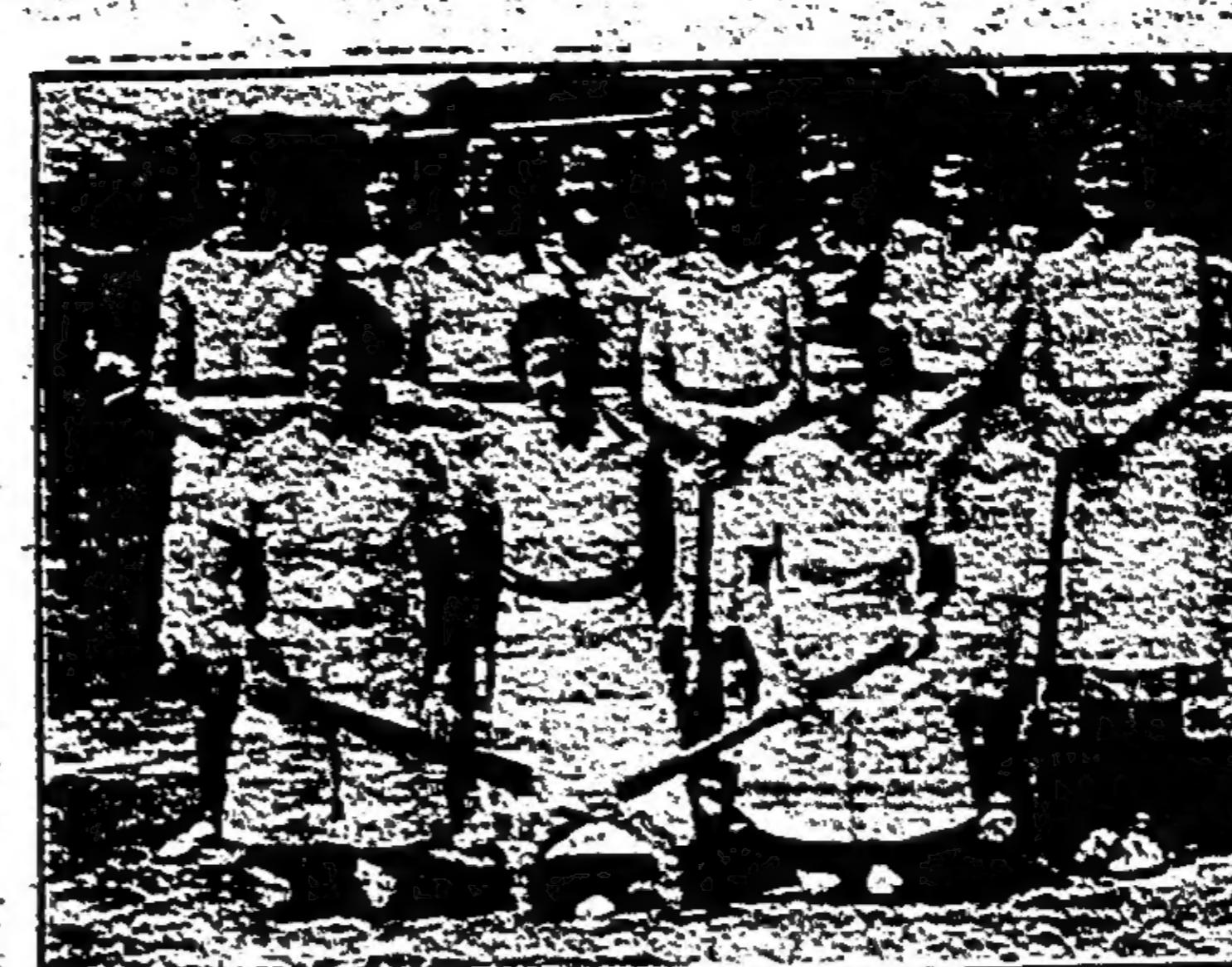
#### Hospitals Boxing Tourney

(By TREVOR ALLEN)

London, February 24.—Now that the Hospitals Boxing-Rugby clash has been removed by the postponement of the Guy's and St. Mary's football semi-final until Tuesday, March 10, the boxing meet has increased in interest.

The weight in which the outlook is most open is the welters. H. G. Owen-Smith, of St. Mary's, is the holder. But John Slow, of Bart's, captain of the United Hospitals team, recently knocked out the Cambridge captain in 30sec.; he has had considerably more practice lately than England's full back, whose timing may suffer from concentration on Rugby.

In the absence of both the Universities' Athletic Union title was recently won by B. Rees, of St. Thomas's, who may secure another victory. London are represented by C. F. Scott, who, like Slow, has fought for Belize.



The Hong Kong Ladies' junior team, winners of the Brown Cup competition for the first time, were defeated by the Junior Rest team last Saturday by 4 goals to 1 at Sookunpoo. ("China Mail" photo).

## "DIZZY" DEAN ACCEPTS

### Signs Contract With The Cardinals

### AGREEMENT TERMS NOT DISCLOSED

Brantford, March 24.—Jerome Dean, known as "Dizzy" to the nation's baseball fans and the most celebrated "hold-out" of the 1936 major-league baseball season, to-day capitulated and signed a contract with the St. Louis Cardinals.

His selection, however, is subject to the approval of the International Committee in July. The choice was made by the directors of the Federation at an emergency meeting last night when the resignation of Dr. Sugimura was accepted. Prince Tokugawa is also expected to head the Federation which has had no president since the death of the late Dr. Seichi Kishi.

## JOE LOUIS AND MAX SCHMELING TO MEET IN JUNE

### Alternative Dates Proposed

### STRONG CONTENDERS FOR HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE

New York, March 19.

Mike Jacobs, promoter of the Twentieth Century Club, announced to-day that Joe Louis, Detroit's heavyweight aspirant, and Max Schmeling, former champion, will fight in the Yankee Stadium on either June 17 or 24.

The winner then will probably have a chance at the heavyweight title now held by James J. Braddock.

### Louis For Title Fight?

Joe-Louis' long string of victories over some of the best heavies, including Primo Carnera, King Levinsky, Paolino Uzcudun and Charley Retzlaff makes him a logical contender.

Schmeling, since losing the title to Sharkey in 1932, was knocked out by Max Baer, but has had a good record otherwise and rates as the next best contender to Louis, since he is one of the few top-notchers that Louis has not beaten.

### PRICE LIMIT FOR YACHTS

#### New 12-Foot Class

London, March 7.

For the first time, the Yacht Racing Association has fixed a price limit for a class. This is the new 12ft class, recently authorised, and the limit for such yachts is fixed at £45.

To stimulate this movement, the "Yachting World" has commissioned Mr. Uffa Fox, an acknowledged master of small yacht design, to design a boat which would provide keen racing in the new 12ft class.

The current issue of the "Yachting World" contains full details and illustrations, and it is expected that the response from small class sailing enthusiasts will be great, particularly in view of the nominal cost involved.

## FIVE FAVOURITES IN KENTUCKY DERBY MANY FAMOUS STABLES TO VIE FOR HONOUR

### OMAHA NOT ENTERED FOR EVENT?

Louisville, Ky., March 18.

ONE hundred and two 3-year olds have been nominated for the 62nd Kentucky Derby, which will be staged at Churchill Downs on Saturday, May 2. The list of nominees is headed by a quintet of favourites, Coldstream, Tintagle, Brevity, Grand Slam and Hollyrood.

Many famous stables entered thoroughbreds for the \$40,000 added classic over the mile and a quarter course. They are: Mrs. Isabel Dodge Sloane, Brookmead Stable, five each; Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, Mrs. H. C. Phipps, Wheatley Stable and P. A. and R. J. Nash, Belair Farm, four each; William Woodward, Belair Stud; E. R. Bradley, Warren Wright, Calumet Farm and Mrs. F. C. Mars, Milky Way Farm, three each.

Mrs. Sloane's Cavalcade won the Derby in 1934 while Mrs. Whitney's Twenty Grand took the classic in 1931. Mr. Woodward's Omaha won in 1935, and his Gallant Fox was the victor in 1930. Mr. Bradley's has four Kentucky Derbies to his credit, Behave Yourself in 1921, Bubbling Over in 1926, Burgoo King in 1932 and Brokers Tip in 1933.

## TENNIS AT MONTE CARLO

### Von Cramm's Fine Recovery

### GRUELLING MATCH WITH H. HENKEL

London, March 3.

G. von Cramm won the Monte Carlo Cup to-day after a two and a half hours struggle with his compatriot, H. Henkel. The score was 4-6, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4, 7-5.

It was a lucky victory for the German champion, because Henkel, playing an inspired game, led 5-3 in the third set, and was calling the time.

## THE LATEST CRAZE

### "Frying-Pan" Lawn Tennis

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### WHAT A BET DID FOR SPORT

(By "FAIR FIELD")

London, February 28.

"Frying-pan" tennis is, I hear, the latest craze in Australia. It all began with a discussion at Wonthaggi, the Victorian country town where there is a State coal mine, on the prowess of local tennis players. Mr. Harry Chipchase, a leading player, challenged Mr. John McLeish, a son of the mine manager, and when McLeish replied: "I could beat you with a frying-pan," he started something.

The match was played, Chipchase using a racket and McLeish a frying-pan—and McLeish won by 6-2, 6-3.

### Series Of Challenges

That began a series of challenges, culminating in a doubles match in which Mr. McKenzie, M.P. for the district, partnered by Mr. J. Winslett, beat Mr. T. J. Gammon and Mr. D. Walshe by 6-3, 7-5. All four used frying-pans.

Now there is a rush at ironmongery stores and the merits of respective weights are being discussed, with 24oz as the most favoured.

The "rules" lay it down that only the outside of the pan can be used. Well, well, I thought—the United States held a monopoly for that sort of thing!

dent that she will be a serious claimant for the title at Wimbleton.

If expert opinion in Europe is less sanguine about her chances this year, it cannot be denied that she possesses the technical and physical equipment requisite for a rapid advance.

Above all, she has that primary essential for the champion—concentration. The will to win is always there. And the stamina and her home supporters are com-

plete.

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HK AUTOMOBILE  
ASSOCIATIONSmall Deficit Shown  
On Year's WorkingNON-MEMBERS AND USE OF  
PARKING FACILITIES

The annual meeting of the Hong Kong Automobile Association was held yesterday in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson &amp; Co. Dr. Wan Yik-shing presiding in the absence of Mr. T. B. Wilson.

Resentment was expressed that motorists who were not members of the Association got the full benefit of its parking facilities, and a suggestion was made that the Government should charge all motorists for parking and give a donation to the Association. In any case, it was maintained, the Government should meet the expenses incurred by the A.A. in the supervision of car parks.

Some dissatisfaction at the financial position was expressed at the meeting, but assurance was given by the newly elected President, the Rev. G. E. S. Upsell, that the deficit on the year's working was not a matter for alarm and would probably be converted into profit this year.

Mr. A. Somerfelt, for the Treasurers, said the accounts showed a loss of \$1,000 on the year's working as against a loss of \$3,000 the previous year. Subscriptions at \$7,320 showed a slight increase. European patrols' salaries had been reduced from \$4,629 the previous year to \$2,580.

Officers Elected  
The following officers were elected: Patron, Sir Andrew Caldecott; President, the Rev. G. E. S. Upsell; Vice-President, Dr. Wan Yik-shing; Committee, Messrs. B. D. Evans, P. M. Hodgson, A. Stevenson, A. H. Potts, J. Smith, A. Stevenson, W. N. T. Tam, H. G. Williams, G. H. Wilson and T. B. Wilson; Treasurers and Secretaries, Messrs. Linstead and Davis.

The meeting was then closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman expressed by Mr. Thomson. There were present:—The Rev. G. E. S. Upsell, Dr. Wan Yik-shing, Messrs. W. H. Cornell, A. Stevenson, A. Nissim, W. E. Kirton, G. H. Wilson, P. M. Hodgson, G. E. S. Thomson, E. W. Fielding, A. Gillard, G. H. Cuthill and A. Somerfelt (representing the Treasurers and Secretaries).

LIBELLING A  
DOGCharge Against  
Show JudgeParis.  
Mme. Louise Francart, a dog-breeder of El Biar, near Algiers, is suing M. Chatelain, one of the judges at a dog show in Algiers, for describing a wire-haired fox terrier she exhibited, winner of the Coupe de Paris and 20 first awards at shows in England and France, as "dirty mongrel."

The case, which is to be heard before Judge Gaboriaud of the Civil Tribunal of the Seine, himself a great dog-lover, cannot be brought under the law of libel, which is restricted to "persons."

the likelihood of this revolution in national habit and the methods of trade he found warrant in the increasing desire for relief from the drudgery of the home, exemplified in the swiftly increasing use of prepared foods. The bigger change, he predicted, is only round the corner.

Lord Linlithgow actually looks a little ahead in a process that has already gone far. The wind-driven mill has given way before the vast factories that turn wheat into flour; the individual baker has been largely displaced by concentrations of machinery that produce loaves by the thousand. All marketing processes are undergoing change and moving towards standardisation. The revolution of yesterday has become the accepted practice of to-day. What Lord Linlithgow urges is that the traders themselves shall take charge of and control the inevitable changes.

In their ability to overcome the economic problems of the time he sees the best safeguard of democracy. The argument may have been put a little high, but it left his hearers with much material for thought.

## Mass-Production Meals

Halting for a moment before his departure for India, Lord Linlithgow must have startled his hearers at the dinner of the London Provision Exchange last month with his vision of things to be. For the time being he assumed the mantle of Mr. H. G. Wells, picturing how the whole production of bread for South-East England might be concentrated in half a dozen great establishments, and how these might presently offer cooked or partially cooked meals delivered at the householder's door. For material for thought.

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There  
and  
Everywhere

## IMPROVING ON NATURE

The fact that Germany and Russia are using synthetic rubber does not imply that British chemists are behind in this matter.

Only the abnormal economic conditions prevailing both in Germany and Russia make it worth while for those States to use the synthetic product. In England there is no market at present for the synthetic rubber which British chemists are capable of producing.

Only something conspicuously better than natural rubber would be worth marketing in England, i.e., a substance with the qualities of rubber and without its defects.

The principal defects of natural rubber are that it "ages" and that it does not resist oil erosion very well.

It is understood that the prospects of improving on rubber were never brighter.

ELASTIC MOLECULE

When found the substance may very well have a molecular structure similar to that of rubber.

The rubber molecule is, to say the least unusual. It is like a long chain, coiled in a spiral. As might be expected, it is also elastic.

Synthetic rubber has been occupying the serious attention of scientists for only about 10 years. Some of the most valuable work has been done in America.

The Americans—unlike the Germans—have generally shown themselves ready to publish the results of their researches.

For some time scientists thought that a chemically pure substance was required. Oddly enough, some of the best results have been obtained by deliberately introducing extraneous matter.

## Your Daily Smile!

Hm—  
"I don't think," said Mrs. Hardcastle, "that I'll make a cake by the recipe that Mrs. Wighton gave me. It will be too expensive." The cake alone will cost too much.""Why," asked her husband, "How many does it want?"  
"Eighteen—the yolks of nine and the whites of nine."

Simple.

A little boy, after his first day at school, was questioned as to what happened at his first day.

"Nothing much," he said, "except that a lady there who didn't know how to spell 'cat' asked me how; and I told her."

"Believe it or not," by Robert L. Ripley

A BURGLAR NEVER ROBBED ANYBODY  
AND A ROBBER IS NOT A THIEF!BURGLARY IS ILLEGAL ENTRY BY FORCE  
ROBBERY IS TAKING PROPERTY FROM A PERSON  
THEFT IS TAKING PROPERTY WITHOUT FORCEYOUR EYES DECEIVE YOU!  
THE LINE A-B IS THE SAME LENGTH  
AS THE LINE A-CMRS. JAMES HUME—Foolish Island Dog.  
HAS 14 CHILDREN—ALL LIVING.  
THEIR AGGREGATE AGE IS 1,660 YEARS.APRIL 1—FEAST OF  
FOLLIESWHAT TRADITION SAYS  
OF THE DAY  
ECHO OF UNIVERSAL EXUBERANCE  
OF ALL HUMANITY

(By Llewellyn Powys)

ANTIQUARIANS have account April 1 that Noah sent out his dove on its first fruitless errand.

## Sleeveless Errands

Certainly sleeveless errands have ever been a characteristic feature of the day with us. In Scotland it is said to be customary to despatch unlofty serving men from house to house with a sealed note containing the words "April 1st Hunt the gowk another mile"—a gowk in that tongue denoting a cuckoo.

Throughout the last century to have sent a simple person to ask a bookseller for the "History of Eve's Mother" was regarded as an expression of superlative wit, as also it was to have persuaded some poor wretch to ask at a chemist's shop for half a pint of pigeon's milk, or at the cobbler's for a pot of elbow grease.

The French celebrate the day in the same manner as do we, except that they call the victim of their droll prevarications *poison d'avril* or "fish of April." One explanation given for this is the fact that the mackerel season of France begins at about this time of the year, and in the old days the page-boys of the great were often called "silly mackerel," especially when they were sent upon errands that only the levity of the season could properly excuse.

## Other Suggestions

One French scholar has suggested that *poison* is a corruption of passion and is derived from the traditional play-acting undertaken by the Church at Easter time to remind the common people of the cruel mockery of sending Jesus backwards and forwards between Pilate and Anna, and Caiphas and Herod.It has also been hazarded that the First of April is derived from the Feast of Fools (*Festival Faecuum*) of the Romans which is said to have been used by the early Church Fathers for the purpose of discrediting the religious influence of their rivals the Druids, so that perhaps All Fools' Day should correctly be Old Fools' Day, or the day selected for games of derisive buffoonery directed against these dispossessed ancients of the north.

A jest rumoured to be current in Jersey should also be mentioned. This attributes our Feast of Folly to the fact that it was on

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## Gotham's Breed

Many declare that when the royal officers of King John found the wise men of Gotham gravely absorbed, some in drowning an eel and some in hedging in a hedge, they should have had in mind the day of the month. For as old Fuller remarked, "Gotham doth breed as wise people as any that carelessly laugh at their simplicity."

When Napoleon for the sake of his political ambitions deserted Josephine to ally himself with the Habsburgs, his marriage with Maria Louisa, the Archduchess, took place on April 1, 1810. To commemorate the occasion he had a medal struck representing Love bearing a thunderbolt, and there were not a few of his countrymen who considered that he very well deserved the ancient title *en poisson d'avril*.

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**EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHS**Schoolboys' Pictures  
On View**HIGH STANDARD DISPLAYED**

The Wah Yan College Amateur Photographic Club Exhibition opened this morning at 10 o'clock in the Lounge of the Gloucester Hotel (8th floor), and will continue till 4 p.m. next Friday.

The standard of work in the exhibition is of a very high order, especially so, if we take into consideration that, excepting one section, it is all the work of schoolboys. Although it was not a rule of the Club that pictures should be finished by the exhibitors, we find that in the greater number of cases, the pictures were enlarged and finished by the boys.

Two of the sections in the exhibition do not contain pictures taken by Wah Yan boys. One is open to past students of Wah Yan, and another to students of other Hong Kong and Canton colleges. Mr. F. Bunje, Mr. E. A. von Kobza Naki, and Mr. H. Luer, all names very well-known in Hong Kong photographic circles, were the judges.

**Prize-Winners**

Best Picture: No. G269. "Clean or Naughty," by Lam Po Hon.

Story-Telling Section: 1st, G269, "Clean or Naughty," by Po Hon; 2nd, G301, "Bargain Hunters," by John Lam Yat Yuen;

3rd, G313, "Watchers," by Thomas Woo; 4th, G310, "The Daily Task," by Thomas Woo.

Landscape Section: 1st, L363, "Village Glory"; 2nd, L364, "Summer Sunshine"; 3rd, L224, "Sunset"; 4th, L222, "The Quiet Lane." 1st Prize, Thomas Woo; for first two pictures: 2nd Prize, Yung Foo Hoi; for 3rd: 3rd Prize, Han King Yuen for 4th.

Portrait Section: 1st, P383, "Wan pm koh?," by John Lam Yat Yuen; 2nd, P323, "Mr. X." by Choy Sai Hing.

Still Life Section: 1st, S342, "Not in an Editor's Room," by Lam Yat Yuen; 2nd, S349, "Cabbages," by Yuen Ging Fung.

Old Boys' Section: 1st, 411, "One Happy Family," by Tsang Wa Choi; 2nd, 404, "Fishmongers," by Ying Wa Fay.

Section open to other colleges: Cup for Best Collection, St. Joseph's College.

1st, 105, "Writing," by Ng Sui Cheong, (St. Joseph's College); 2nd, 116, "Fals" by To Shun Yuen, (King's College); 3rd, 120, by Ni Chi Yin (King's College); 4th, 148, by Yung Man Tin, (Queen's College).

**URBAN COUNCIL MEETING****Resignation Of Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo****SERVICE EULOGISED**

A letter of resignation from the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo as a member of the Urban Council was placed before the fortnightly meeting of the Council yesterday afternoon. Expressions of regret were made by the Chairman, Mr. R. R. Todd, and Dr. Li Shu-fan.

Besides the Chairman, those present at the meeting were the Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington, C.M.G., (Vice-Chairman), the Hon. Mr. A. G. H. Tickle (Director of Public Works), the Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrick (Secretary for Chinese Affairs), the Hon. Mr. T. H. King (Inspector-General of Police), Mr. F. C. Hall, Dr. E. A. de Castro Basto, Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, Dr. Li Shu-fan, Mr. A. el Arcuili, Dr. S. N. Chau, Mr. C. J. Roe (Secretary), and Mr. Im Ping-Keung (Assistant Secretary).

**Licences Refused**

The following applications were refused by the Select Committee with the agreement of the Council:

Application for a food factory licence at No. 278, Temple Street, ground floor (a recess).

Application for a food factory licence at No. 54, Jordan Road, ground floor (side door).

Application for a food factory licence at No. 516, Queen's Road West, ground floor.

Application for a food factory licence at No. 49, Des Voeux Road West, ground floor (side door).

Application for a dangerous and offensive trade licence at No. 12.

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Today's Complete Play

**Sir Herbert Is Deeply Touched**

By H. C. G. Stevens

CHARACTERS.  
SIR HERBERT.  
PARKER.

A YOUNG MAN.  
(The private sitting-room in a West End theatre of SIR HERBERT—most distinguished of actors. Its dignified furnishing includes a club suite in leather, mahogany sideboard, heavy bookcase—and so on, ad lib.; and rich velvet curtains, Centre Back, divide it from the dressing-room. There is a door down Right.)

SIR HERBERT is heavy and pompous—decidedly in the manner of the older school; and he appears, at the end of a matinee, as a Petruchio, a d'Artagnan, a Marcus Superbus—or any such "commanding" figure as will lend itself, in this sketch, to a performance of many gestures and declamations).

PARKER is his dresser—just a thin man, of no particular age—and is completely dominated). PARKER enters Right, carrying a make-up tray, and an appropriate cloak, or sword, that SIR HERBERT has been using during the earlier part of the afternoon. He takes them through into the dressing-room, and returns almost immediately—to find that SIR HERBERT is now arriving from the stage.)

SIR HERBERT. Sixteen curtain calls! (To his stage manager, off.)

No! I refuse to give more at a matinee! . . . (Then he descends into an armchair, and, with a large silk handkerchief, begins to recover from what has evidently been a very strenuous performance.

Then PARKER collects, from the sideboard, a number of autograph books, at the sight of which SIR HERBERT starts up) . . . You have been with me, my good fellow, but three odd weeks—

PARKER Er—that is so, Sir Herbert.

SIR HERBERT—and in that brief

**ASSAULT CASE TEST****Doctor Submits To Woman's Bite**

A doctor who allowed a woman to bite his finger so as to make a comparison with another bite gave evidence at Bristol Assizes last month.

He was Dr. Alexander Reid, of Malvern House, Bridgwater, and was a witness in a case in which the accused was William John Hancock, aged 38, labourer, of Kendall-road, Bridgwater. Hancock was charged with being armed with a pistol, and assaulting Miss Lottie Pollard, aged 60, with intent to rob. He pleaded not guilty.

Miss Pollard, who lives at Mount Bradford Cottage, Wembury, Bridgwater, stated that on Jan. 13 a man, grasping a pistol, entered her house.

By His Finger

When he had no longer hold of the pistol she bit the second finger of one of his hands very hard. The intruder then left the house. At an identification parade she picked out a man other than Hancock.

Dr. Alexander Reid said he found a scar on Hancock's finger consistent with his having been bitten. To check the matter he allowed Miss Pollard to bite his own finger.

"When she bit my second finger, I had to tell her to stop," he said. "Her tooth would have punctured my finger."

Cross-examined, Dr. Reid said that the mark on Hancock's finger might possibly have been made by a slipping screw-driver.

Hancock was found not guilty on both counts and was discharged.

spell, if I have told you once, I have told you fifty times—that SIR HERBERT does not give his autograph! Well?

PARKER (trying to plead with his new employer that he is not doing himself any particular good by this attitude): But, Sir Herbert—don't you think, perhaps—that—

SIR HERBERT. Tell me, tell me, Parker—are you accustomed to receive gratuities from the people whose books you succeed in—er?

PARKER Certainly not, Sir Herbert—certainly not!

SIR HERBERT. Then you need not worry—surely?

PARKER Er—no, Sir Herbert—but I—

SIR HERBERT. The fact is, I suppose, that before you came to me, you attended upon some musical comedy youth—with crimped hair—who spent his life signing his name—for lovesick fappers to gloat over—instead of learning how to act, Parker—in stead of learning how to act!

**TO-MORROW'S PLAY**

To-morrow's play will be "The Buggins' Picnic" by Mabel Constanduros and Michael Hogan.

PARKER No. Sir Herbert—as I'm sure I told you when you first engaged me, I've always dressed the legitimate.

SIR HERBERT. Never mind what you've always done—all you have to do now is to remember that you dress me. . . . I am even more than legitimate.

PARKER Yes, Sir Herbert.

SIR HERBERT (soliloquising). Why should I sign my name for people—just because they've seen me on the stage? . . . Why, indeed! . . . They're paid their money—(to PARKER)—no theatrical alms can ever affect me, I'll have you know.

PARKER I feel quite sure of that, Sir Herbert.

SIR HERBERT (resuming). —they've paid their money—and they've had far more than the worth of it—in the finest acting seen in London for—huh!—for a hundred years at least! . . . Er—put those damn things down! . . . (PARKER returns the autograph books to the sideboard) . . . Now you, no doubt, would consider there was (with special scorn)—publicity value, or something, in my scribbling all over them . . . (PARKER now fetches, also from the sideboard, a silver salver, on which are about a dozen visiting cards) . . . and in admitting to the privacy of my room this person or that person—anybody who chooses to call—willy-nilly—listening to their stupid flatteries—accepting their invitations—to open, it might be, some tuppenny-ha'penny church bazaar—or to assume control of the—*the bran tub*—they wouldn't even stop at *bran tube*!—at a village fete! . . . Me, mark you! . . . Sir Herbert!

Publicity! . . . Pah! . . . Now, do you seriously feel that I—that I am in any need of?—

PARKER (overwhelmed). B-but I don't think, Sir Herbert, that it's entirely a question of publicity. . . . Not all these ladies and gentlemen (offering salver). I feel sure, have any special desire to embarrass you in—in that way. They only want to—

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**CHINA FLEET CLUB****Fancy Dress Dance Of R.A.O.C.**

Over 100 couples took the floor at the fancy dress dance of the R.A.O.C. on Monday last, when the China Fleet Club was gay with a bewildering variety of costumes, many of them of striking originality. The band of the East Lancashire Regiment provided an excellent programme of dance-music.

The first prize for ladies was won by Mrs. Turner, as "Mazawattee Tea," and the second, by Mrs. Whykes as a rustic maiden.

For gentlemen's costumes, Mr. Baliff secured first prize as "Masquerade," while Mr. Whitehouse won the second prize as "Treasure Island." The lucky number was No. 40.

**MONEY SAVING SPECIALS**

(From now on until the 4th of April)

**JUST A FEW SELECTIONS**

"Kingsford"	1 lb. pkt	\$0.26
"Dalmatian"	1 lb. tin	.30
"Hermel"	30 oz. tin	3.00
"Morton"	14 oz. tin	.34
"S. & W."	1 lb. pkt	.33
"Del Monte"	2½ tin	.53
"Hedlund"	1 lb. tin	.28
"Aylmer"	2½ tin	.45
"Vienna Sausage"	16½ oz. tin	.52
"Vegetable Salad"	15 oz. tin	.52
"Veal Loaf"	7 oz. tin	.36
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**PLAYERS TAKE 8 CALLS**

Evelyn Laye's U.S. Success

Washington

Miss Evelyn Laye, the British actress, received high praise from the critics last month for her performance in the American premiere of the London success "Sweet Aloes." It was given a trial run here before opening in New York the following week.

The parts had been cast with great skill by the authoress, Miss Joyce Carey, who came from London to supervise the production. The distinguished audience drawn largely from official and diplomatic Washington, gave an enthusiastic reception.

Bobo, the popular chimpanzee at the Scottish Zoological Park, Edinburgh, has died at the age of eight. The animal went to Edinburgh six years ago from West Africa. A daily event in the summer time was the open-air tea parties which he "conducted."



**CONTRACTORS FINED**

Blasting Without  
Due Care

**GIRL INJURED AND MAN KILLED**

Yeung Fat, a building contractor, was this morning fined \$200 by Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy for failing to take proper precautions while blasting at Lyemun Barracks at noon on March 22.

Inspector O'Connor said the master was first brought to their notice when a girl was brought to the police station to be taken to the hospital. It appears that she was in a nullah in Island Road washing clothing, about 200 feet away from the blasting. The defendant did not take any precaution with his blasting; in fact, no weight of any consequence was used, but only some gunny bags. A piece of rock weighing 15 lbs. broke the branch of a tree and fell on the girl who was badly injured. Had she been hit on the head she might have been killed. While the girl was in the Hospital the defendant had visited her and it was arranged that \$10 be paid.

**Another Case**

Yu Yat Hing, a contractor, was fined \$200 for the same offence, and in this case Inspector O'Connor said that on 9.15 a.m. on March 17, a man was killed as the result of blasting. Four men were working side by side and had lighted their fuses. The deceased, in taking cover, fell or tripped himself and was perhaps rendered unconscious or was to scared to move. His own blast, which was only about 18 feet away, went off. He was hit by flying rock and died soon after. In this case no weights were used, and there were quite a number of workmen near by as the erection of buildings was going on in the vicinity.

These contractors, Inspector O'Connor concluded, think that because they are on Military ground they may do as they think with the blasting.

**SLEEPING OUT IN LONDON****Pride Goes Before A Bed****PUBLIC ASSISTANCE REPORT**

Between the hours of midnight and 3 a.m. on February 15-16 last year there were 77 homeless people walking the streets of London.

This is revealed in the annual report on public assistance issued by the L.C.C. last month.

A census showed that of these seventy-seven 59 were men and 18 women. The total number of persons who might be regarded as homeless (excluding those who paid for their beds in common lodging-houses) that night, was 3,421.

**Vacant Beds**

But, despite this, there were vacant beds in casual wards and hostels.

The report attempts to explain this, and finds that:

"Men prefer to sleep out rather than prove they are destitute, which is the condition of being granted public assistance."

"It is impossible to give reasons for what is on the face of it so unreasonable a proceeding as to sleep out in a London street in February when a good bed is an available alternative," says the report, "but apart from eccentricities of behaviour, a motive in many cases may be a desire to give an appearance of complete destitution as a means of appealing to the pockets of the charitably minded."

**Begging Preferred**

"The problem is one of mendicancy as well as one of destitution. It would seem that there are persons who, except in the severest weather conditions, do not seek shelter, but remain in the streets."

"There is no reason to believe that begging is resorted to by apparently destitute persons because they are unaware of the assistance which may be legally afforded to them if they can prove that they are in fact destitute."

"It seems more probable that they prefer begging because it does not involve the supervision incidental to the grant of relief."

**GOVERNOR OF BANK OF ENGLAND RE-ELECTED****FOREIGNERS IN COLONY****Increase In Numbers Noted****FEWER SUBSTITUTE**

According to figures obtained from the Police authorities, there were a total of 5,705 aliens other than Chinese living in the Colony up to December 31, last year, as compared with a number of 4,843 in the previous year.

During the past year 862 persons were registered under the Registration of Persons Ordinance, which was brought into force during 1934. Of this number 44 persons died during the year, while 4,058 left the Colony.

Twenty-four persons were convicted for failing to register under the ordinance, while a total of 85 persons of different nationalities other than Chinese were brought before the police courts for the following offences: Vagrancy (15), Stowaways (7), and Passports (44).

London, To-day.—Mr. Montague Collet Norman was re-elected Governor of the Bank of England yesterday, and thus enters on his 17th year of office.—British Wire Service.

**GOWN SHOWN IN COURT****Alleged Claim To Copyright****QUESTION OF "BURNING MOMENT"**

Is a dress design copyright? This question—stated to be of "burning moment" to the dress-making trade—was the subject of a test action before Mr. Justice Clauson in the Chancery Division recently.

The case concerned a red chiffon dinner-gown, which was in court, and the main question, said counsel, was whether it was a work of artistic craftsmanship within the meaning of the Copyright Act.

Mrs. Marjorie Lilian Burke, of Park-street, W., and Margaret Burke, Ltd., of Dover-street, W. (of which Mrs. Burke is a director and manageress), sought an injunction to restrain Spicers Dress Designs, of Kensington Park-road, W., from bringing a copyright in the dress and asked for an inquiry as to damages.

**Defence Claim**

The defence was that the design did not come within the protection of the Copyright Act.

Mr. S. O. Henn Collins, K.C., for Mrs. Burke and the plaintiff company, said that in a limited sense the action was a friendly one. The defence was that the defendant, Mr. Justice Clauson said he thought that dressmakers did not mind dresses being copied so long as every precaution was taken that the wearer of the copy did not meet the one wearing the original.

Mr. Henn Collins said the term "fine arts" could not only mean drama, music, and painting.

Mr. Justice Clauson: In the making of a dress, is the object to produce a covering, or is it merely to gratify an aesthetic ambition?

"Undoubtedly the latter," replied Mr. Henn Collins.

**Fitting Difficulties**

Later a mannequin entered the court wearing the gown. After removing her hat, she walked in front of Mr. Justice Clauson, turned round, and then held out her arms in the most approved mannequin style to show off the symmetrical lines of the creation.

Mr. Henn Collins said Mr. Justice Clauson might appreciate the difficulties involved in the fitting of the frock, and the latter replied: "I have not been married 33 years without knowing something about it."

The hearing was adjourned.

**OLD CONTEMPTIBLES' PARADE**

The Lord Mayor of London with the City Sheriff and Aldermen will attend in State the annual parade service of the London Old Contemptibles at St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday afternoon, March 15.

**EXPRESS SAVES FOX**

As the West Street foxhounds of Ashley, Dover, were about to kill a fox which they had chased for half a mile along the railway line last month, an express was brought to a halt in the middle of the pack and the fox escaped.

**FAMOUS PICTURE BOUGHT FOR U. S. MUSEUM****"Venus And The Late Player" By Titian**

New York: The Metropolitan Museum announces that it has made its "most important single purchase" from Duveen Brothers, the art dealers.

It is Titian's "Venus and the Late Player," which the Duveens purchased from the Earl of Leicester in 1931.

Mr. Edward Duveen stated that the sale had been negotiated by his brother, Lord Duveen.

He said: "I am not at liberty to reveal the price paid for the picture."

"Although a very fine picture, it has been on our hands for six years because of its great size."

"The canvas measures 65 inches by 82 inches, and is therefore most suited for a museum or some other spacious building."

**UNSTAMPED RECEIPTS****Two Men Fined**

Chan Cheung, of Yee Fat Co., No. 123 Wing Lok Street, was this morning fined \$10 by Mr. W.

Deportation orders totalled 10,346 as compared with 13,217 in 1934. Of these, 3,500 were Hong Kong banishees, 4,727 were gaol discharges who were automatically expelled, 609 were Singapore vagrants, while the remainder were undesirables and deportees of the Dutch East Indies, Deli and Ocean Island.

**ELDERLY LADY'S FUNERAL****Elaborate Rites And Procession**

The funeral of the late Mrs. Ho Wah-sang took place to-day from her residence at On Hing Terrace, the funeral procession being on a very elaborate scale.

Mrs. Ho Wah-sang, who was in her 65th year, passed away at her residence on March 29. Her husband, Mr. Ho Wah-sang, is the proprietor of the Shui Cheong Dispensary and a director of the Fa Leung Kok, and the Tung Wah Hospital.

**WEATHER REPORT**

The anti-cyclone continues to move eastward, and is now centred over Japan and the Sea of Japan. The depression of the Pacific is probably situated about 150 miles north of Pelew, moving north-west. North-east winds, moderate; fine to cloudy.

Considerable anxiety was felt in England, no news of him being received for nearly seven hours after he landed.

Next day he took off for Lyons, but made another forced landing at St. Albans. Later he flew to Lyons. Mr. Turner said that he would set out again in a few days.

**LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES**

A motor accident, fortunately not attended by any serious damage, occurred in Cameron Road, Kowloon, this morning when an R.A.F. lorry, No. 102, was involved in a collision with a Kowloon motor bus, No. 549. There were no passengers in the bus at the time, and the bus driver was very lucky to escape with only minor scratches, although his compartment was badly smashed.

Among the passengers who arrived in port this morning by the a.s. Carthage was Mrs. G. Alabaster, wife of the Attorney-General, the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster.

Mr. W. Pryde, former Hon. Secretary of the Hong Kong Football Club, was also a passenger by the a.s. Carthage, who disembarked this morning, accompanied by Mrs. Pryde and the masters Pryde.

Lt. Comdr. Studholme, R.N., arrived in the Colony this morning by the a.s. Carthage.

Mr. G. Worrall and Major and Mrs. Galloway and infant were also arrivals this morning by the a.s. Carthage.

Lady Louis Mountbatten, one of the richest women in the world, the heiress of Sir Ernest Cassel, arrived in the Colony yesterday morning from Java by the J.C.L. steamer Tjiadana.

The ship's company of H.M.S. Dorsetshire is holding a dance tomorrow at the China Fleet Club, from 9 p.m.

The R. A. Sergeants' Mess fortnightly whist drive and tombola will be held in the premises of the mess on Friday next, April 3, opening at 8.30 p.m.

**A TALKIE BY CHAPLIN?****He Wants To Play Napoleon****FUTURE PLANS REVEALED**

New York: "Hello, Mr. Chaplin!" an interviewer called over the long-distance telephone to Hollywood from New York. And "Greetings" came the answer in Charlie Chaplin's mellifluous English voice, which screen audiences have never heard.

Then, for half an hour, the famous comedian talked of his plans for the future of a "talkie" he may act in (but not as the famous tramp); of his great ambition to play Napoleon, and of his determination never to be seen in a colour film.

But Chaplin's immediate plans have nothing to do with films. He is going to Mexico on a three-months fishing expedition. He says he cannot get to London before next year.

On his return from Mexico he has in mind a light comedy with satirical elements, starring Paulette Goddard and with himself as director—but not as actor. It will be a talkie.

**The Tramp Again**

The world will certainly see Chaplin in another silent film with his famous tramp as hero. But just what he will do after the Goddard film is finished he has not decided.

He has no objection to appearing in a talkie provided he plays some part other than his little man in the bowler hat, baggy trousers, and inevitable cane. It was easy to see where Chaplin's heart lies. He wants to play Napoleon!

He said: "I've been thinking about it for a long time, but it won't be my next picture."

"The truth is I cannot make up my mind whether I'm the man to play the great Frenchman; and I've no one in mind who could."

"When you do play him," the interviewer interrupted, "how do you intend to portray Napoleon?"

"As a human being, with all the weaknesses and greatness of one. I conceive him as a great romantic figure, but I would not dramatise him as a god among men."

**His Colour Ban**

Chaplin will never be seen in a colour film.

He does not think much of the invention, and said frankly: "Colour is more artificial than black and white." Personally, I don't like it, because colour is not true reproduction. It lacks reality."

Another thing intensely personal to himself is the great actor's conviction that he never wants to go back to the theatre.

"I have no longings for those old days," was the way he put it.

"At present in films," he declared, "we have too many mechanical devices. I'm afraid that to be really great the film is still too involved. You see, art is such a personal thing . . ."

**Finger In Pie**

"Take Michelangelo. We can never compete with him. He did his job alone. He didn't depend on carpenters to help him."

"But we have not only carpenters but cameramen, stage-hands, directors, producers—all having a finger in the pie."

Chaplin did not deny that some great films had been produced, although, when pressed, he artfully declined to mention them—not even any of his own.

"It might make me too unpopular," he remarked with a chuckle.

"Until they simplify films I don't see how we shall get much improvement. But I do think the film is in advance of the theatre."

Television No Threat

Mention was made about television in relation to films.

Chaplin is sure that this great science of the future will do no damage to films. He sees people enjoying "movies" in their own homes, but, as he explained, "Man is a gregarious animal and likes to take his pleasures in the company of others."

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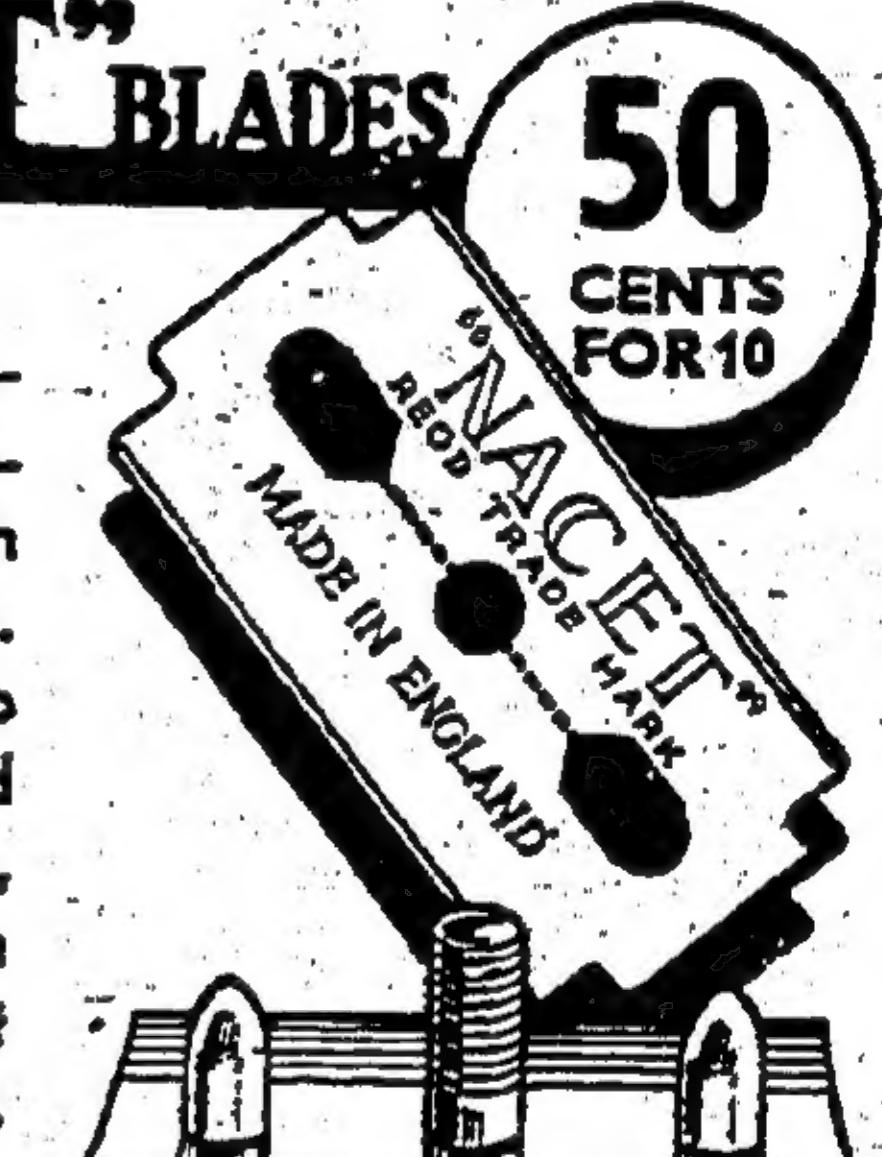
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*Amusements**Cinema Notes**SEVEN KEYS TO BALDPLATE*  
— ALHAMBRA THEATRE.

In adapting "Seven Keys To Baldplate" to the screen with Gene Raymond under his new long-term contract headlined, RKO Radio has chosen a play that is of considerable importance in the history of the theatre.

In 1913 George M. Cohan dared to shatter a well-established theatrical tenet sniggered at all previous mystery thrillers, and wrote "Seven Keys To Baldplate" as a spine-tangler to end all mysteries.

Before Cohan's historic experiment, chiller were inclined to be ponderously horrible, even gory. More they had been governed by the rule that the audience was always to know what the characters didn't—was never to be ignorant of what was going to happen, or who was going to murder whom. Suspense was to be kept, according to the tenet, only through interest in how things would work out.

"Seven Keys To Baldplate" changed all that—violently, humorously, amidst remunerative public delight. It mocked the old horror tales with a deft humour that eased the tension created by the spooky interior of gaunt old Baldplate Inn. It took joyous liberty with the audience—fooled it.

Playing opposite Raymond in the film is Margaret Callahan, and the cast includes Eric Blore, Erin O'Brien-Moore, Moroni Olsen, Great Mitchell and Ray Mayor.

*"COLLEGIATE"—QUEEN'S THEATRE*

Picked as the most versatile girls in Hollywood, 60 young beauties whose dance repertoires include steps from classic selections to the modern "ha-ha" variety, were engaged by LeRoy Prinz, Paramount dance director, for colourful sequences in this film musical.

But before being signed to a contract for the picture, each of the talented chorines was put through a series of routines that included ballet, eccentric, ballroom, folk-dancing and the combination of tap and modern tripping, known as truckin'. Having been trained from childhood by some of the foremost dance instructors here and abroad, the girls are regarded as leaders in their respective fields. However, when called for their part in the picture, they settle down as a team and worked in complete unison.

During the "Rhythmatic" number, which features Betty Jane Cooper, New York and London dancer, the chorus used almost every technique known to the modern night club entertainer. Dance authorities believe the "Rhythmatic" number will be classed as outstanding. The scene is in a girl's seminary, where according to modern trends the curriculum features the development of charm and grace by instruction in dancing. Through



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*ROTARY MEETING**Interesting Talk By  
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Mr. E. Nelson, A.R.E.F., M.I.M.T., Supervisor of Kai Tak Aerodrome, gave a most interesting talk at yesterday's tiffin-meeting of the Rotary Club, on "Some Difficulties of Air Line Operation".

The backgrounds of this production was "shot" in British New Guinea and the Fiji Islands, where the heat is sufficiently intense to melt the emulsion from the celluloid of exposed film. To prevent this, the footage was promptly locked into refrigerated cabinets after removal from the cameras. "Baby" planes for the ordinary New Guinea sequences in man-in-the-street, and made reference to Hong Kong's air link with the frontier land. Hundreds of na "Dorado".

The speaker dwelt on the possibilities of both 100-ton air-liners and the development of efficient "baby" planes for the ordinary New Guinea sequences in man-in-the-street, and made reference to Hong Kong's air link with the frontier land. Hundreds of na "Dorado".

The background is interwoven into the romance between Steffi Duna and Regis Toomey, who are caught in a maze of excitement and romance.

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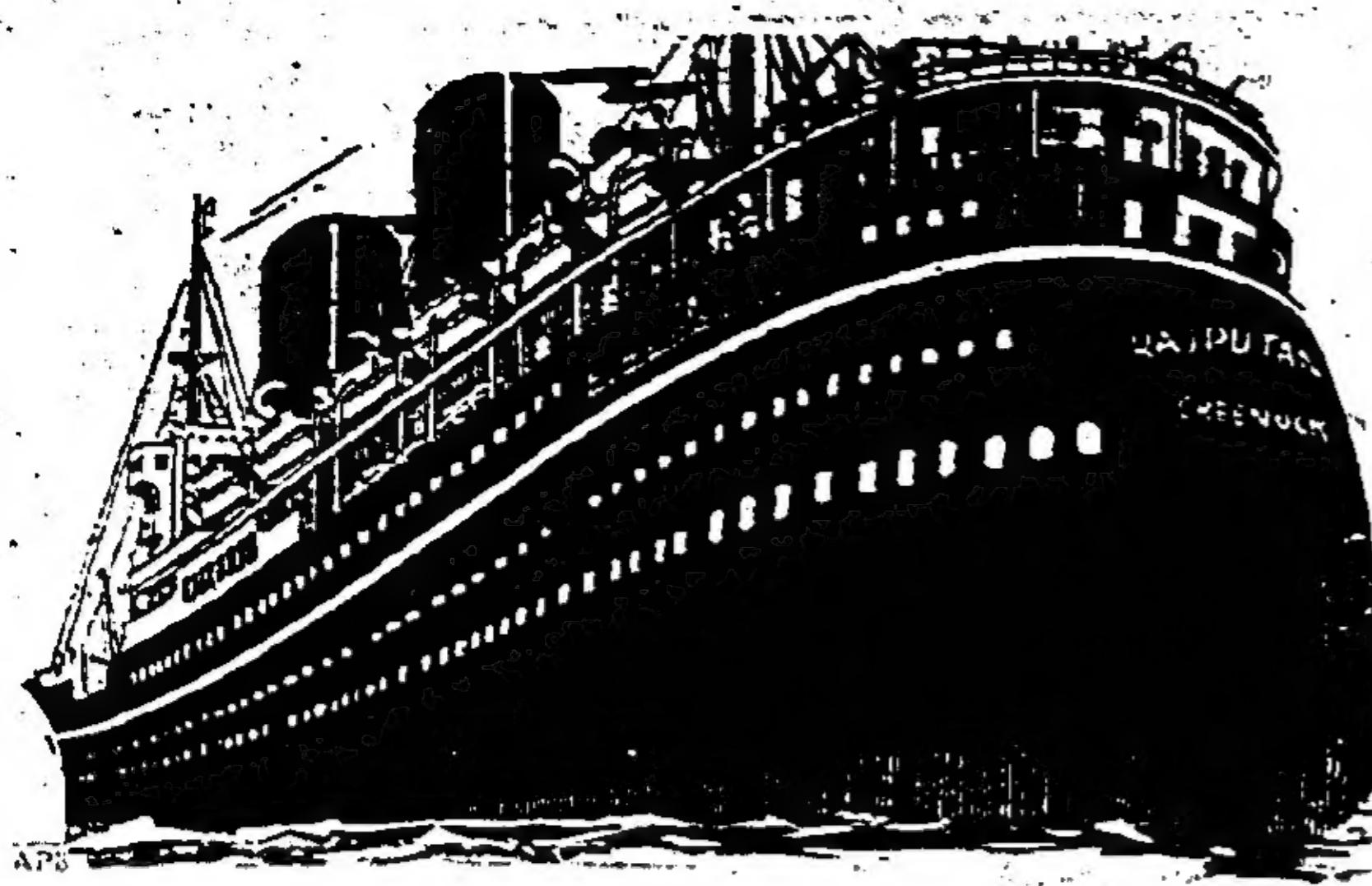
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## Sir Herbert Is Deeply Touched

(Continued from Page 7.)

SIR HERBERT (picking up a card). What do they want, then?

PARKER Well—only, I suppose, to—er—

SIR HERBERT—to waste my time! . . . (reading it) . . . I don't know any of 'em, do I? Gertrude Lady Gunnersbury?

Ah, yes! I know her well enough—the biggest old bore on earth!

PARKER I believe her ladyship's carrying a large bouquet. Sir Herbert?

SIR HERBERT (throwing down the card).—And she can go on carrying it! Does she think I'll give her a private performance—all to herself—for a few aspidias?

PARKER They're—they're tulips, Sir Herbert.

SIR HERBERT That would be worse—I loathe the flower.

PARKER Very good, Sir Herbert.

SIR HERBERT (takes another card). . . Capt. the Hon. Carfax-Carfax-M.C.—hub! . . . a fiver's all he'll want . . . and then another one—next week—

I'm not a philanthropist—if your musical friend is (throws it down).

PARKER But, Sir Herbert, as I told you, I always dress the legitimate: I—er—

SIR HERBERT (taking another card). . . Mr. Reginald Prendergast . . .

PARKER If I may remind you, Sir Herbert—that's Mr. "Bubbles" Prendergast—a great favourite in Society. Everybody sees him.

SIR HERBERT (sharply). Do I like to see me, Sir Herbert—er—

SIR HERBERT (sharply). What is it?

PARKER Er—there's another gentleman who says he would like to see you. He has no card—and—er—he's—

SIR HERBERT But, haven't I made myself clear yet—that I—!

PARKER But he's come from Somerset, Sir Herbert! . . . (brightening) You—come from Somerset, too, don't you? I've seen it in the "Who's Who".

SIR HERBERT The county of Somerset can certainly claim that more than considerable honour.

SIR HERBERT (becoming sentimental). Yes; I was born in the quiet little town of Taunton . . . Taunton . . . Parker, I wonder if, when I pass to the Beyond, the inhabitants of Taunton will remember me—and—er—

PARKER Er—no—I don't think he has, Sir Herbert.

SIR HERBERT (sighing). Ah! . . . A monument! . . . Perhaps they will . . . of white marble.

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(suddenly) Parker, has he gone, that fellow?

PARKER Er—no—I don't think he has, Sir Herbert.

SIR HERBERT Well, then—go and tell him . . . Yes! . . . I will see him! . . . Do you know, Parker, I rather like that . . . The gesture touches me . . . it touches me . . . it touches me deeply . . . a man come all the way from my own country! . . . yes! . . . and it may be from my own town! . . . Who knows? . . . the quiet little town of Taunton—where, when I pass to the Beyond . . . Yes—yes—bring him to me at once! (PARKER exits Right. SIR HERBERT sits in glorious self-)

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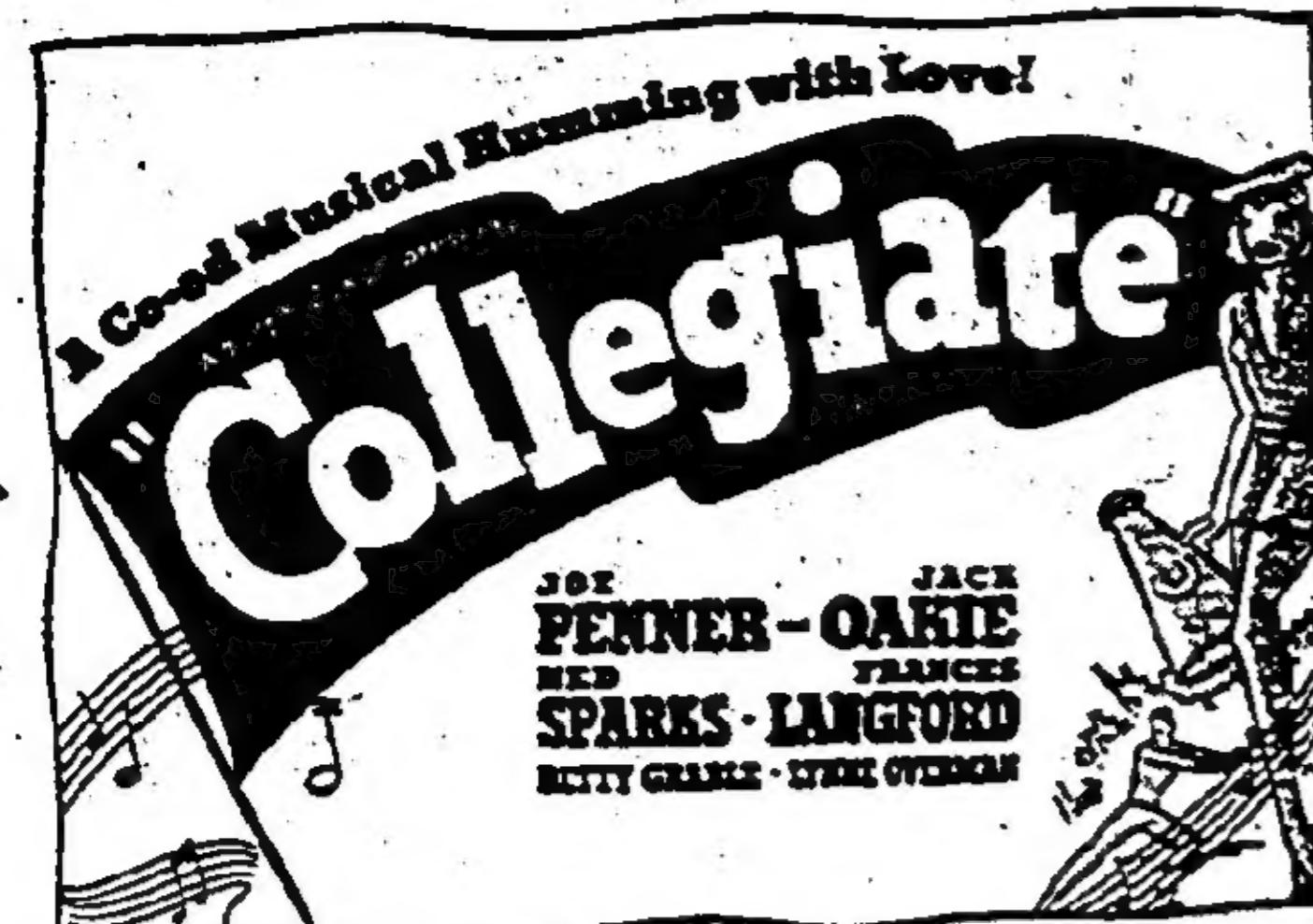
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## FUTURE POLICY OF AUSTRIA

Important Speech By  
Chancellor

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

\* Vienna, To-day. An important declaration on the future of the Government by Chancellor Schuschnigg in Parliament will shortly be made, the speech being broadcast all over Austria.

M. Litvinoff, who broke his journey to Moscow here, left yesterday. In official quarters it is understood that his visit had no political character.—Trans-Ocean Service.

## THE PREMIER'S FAMILY PIANO

On Which He Played  
His First TunesMRS. BALDWIN TELLS  
ITS HISTORY

Mrs. Baldwin told the story of the Prime Minister's old family piano last month when she opened a hostel and club for girls in Oakley-street, Chelsea. The piano has been given to the hostel by Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin.

"It has been of enormous satisfaction both to my husband and myself to be instrumental in finding a home for the old family piano," Mrs. Baldwin said.

"It has a history. That piano, from my knowledge, started first in the family of my husband's mother [formerly a Miss Macdonald]. On that old keyboard the attractive Macdonald sisters played their duets, and to it they used to sing their madrigals and trios.

"Merry Peasant!"

"It was on that piano that the little Stanley Baldwin learnt his first note, and played, probably, 'The Bluebells of Scotland' and 'The Merry Peasant'."

Mrs. Baldwin said the piano then went to Mr. Baldwin's sitting-room, where he played it on his return from school and college.

"When he married," she continued, "the piano was one of the first pieces of furniture in our married home. In time it found its way into the schoolroom, and, giving way to the gramophone, was then sent to the nursery. [Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin have two sons and four daughters.] When it was thought advisable to buy a new one, my daughter said it still had a useful purpose to perform. I hope it will continue in its usefulness until every note is broken."

## GONDAR EXPECTED TO FALL

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IMPORTANT CONQUEST

Asmara: The Italian occupation of the wealthy and fertile Sultanate of Aussa completes an important military conquest. Leaving Assab and Bebil some weeks ago several Italian native columns accomplished a long and difficult march across the Danakil desert, infested by Abyssinian bands who attempted to frustrate the advance with guerrilla raids.

The Italian columns were controlled and re-victualled by 25 Italo planes, which made nearly a hundred risky landings on unknown ground without the loss of a single machine. The planes occasionally fired at and dispersed the Abyssinian troops, including desert cavalry, with machine-guns.

The difficulties of the air force were increased by violent sandstorms, when the machines had to be chained to the ground to prevent their destruction.

The Italians surrounded the fort of Sardo, which cuts the principal caravan routes connecting the Ethiopian plateau with the Red Sea, while the occupation of Aussa brings the native troops nearer Deesse than those at present confronting the Negus at Lake Ashani.—Reuter.

NEARING GONDAR

Milan: The *Gazzetta del Popolo* reports that the Italian troops are advancing under forced marches, and are now within reach of the town of Gondar, where the population is eagerly awaiting the Italian aeroplanes having dropped propaganda leaflets promising the population that the domination of the Negus will soon be ended once and for all.—Trans-Ocean Service.

## LOCKOUT IN DENMARK

Compromise Proposal  
SuggestedFURTHER NEGOTIATIONS  
PENDING"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL  
Copenhagen, To-day.

The great lockout, affecting metal workers and dock labourers has at last been brought to an end after five weeks' duration, by a compromise which gives effect neither to the employers' nor the workers' proposals.

The President of the Council, Dr. Stauning, intended to restore industrial peace by passing a bill through Parliament after the Trade Unions had accepted the Government's arbitration. But the unions refused to agree, and the bill was in the meantime defeated in Parliament by a majority of two votes.

The employers then came to a compromise with the Government, declaring their willingness to call off the lockout, and simultaneously open negotiations on the wage scale, but this for the last time on a voluntary basis.

Should these negotiations come to nothing, the wages will be fixed by an arbitration court, whose finding will be legally binding. Strikes and lockouts will be prohibited.—Trans-Ocean Service.

## BELA KUN FOR MADRID

Dabbling In Spanish  
Politics ."CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL  
Paris, To-day.

The notorious leader of the short-lived Hungarian Soviet rule, Bela Kun, who was driven out of Hungary by Admiral Horthy de Nagybanya, present Lord Regent of Hungary, and who departed for Barcelona some time ago, has now left for Madrid, accompanied by M. Monote, who organised the Asturian revolt, says *Le Matin*.

During his stay in Barcelona, Bela Kun is said to have conferred with a large number of Communist leaders, and to have elaborated a plan to ensure a Communist victory in the forthcoming municipal elections.

Trans-Ocean Service.

PLACING ASSYRIAN  
CHRISTIANSAppeal Launched At  
Mansion House

London, To-day.

An appeal was launched yesterday at an influential meeting in the Mansion House at which the Lord Mayor presided on behalf of the fund of £180,000 required to augment the contributions of British and other Governments and of the League of Nations for the settlement of the Assyrian Christians.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, who is sponsoring the appeal, and the Foreign Secretary were the chief speakers. Sir Samuel Hoare and Mr. Amery also supported the appeal.—British Wireless Service.

REFUGEES FROM  
GERMANYConference Called  
By League

London, To-day.

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Lord Cranborne, informed the House of Commons at question-time yesterday that the British Government would be represented at the conference at Geneva on July 2, convened by the League of Nations to arrange a system of legal protection for refugees coming from Germany.

British Wireless Service.

HINDENBURG'S

FLIGHT

Route Down English  
Channel

London, To-day.

The airship Field Marshal von Hindenburg was unable to get the permission of the French authorities to fly over France and consequently took the route down the English Channel and passed Folkestone.

## CORTEZ MEETS IN SPAIN

Right-Wing Parties  
Walk Out

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Madrid, To-day. Shortly after the opening of Parliament yesterday, all the Right-wing parties, that is the Catholic People's Front, the Monarchs, the Spanish Renewals and the Traditionalists, took the step forecast by Trans-Ocean a short time ago, and declared that they would abstain from attending Parliament until further notice. The Deputies left the House calling out: "Long live Spain."

The main reason for this step is that the Government intends to declare all voting in those districts where the Right-wing parties obtained the majority, invalid, this already having been carried out in some cases.—Trans-Ocean Service.

## HER LOVE FOR GUARDSMAN

Stole To Send Him  
FaresMARRIED WOMAN'S SECRET  
MEETINGS

The story of a married woman and a Guardsman who, it was stated, "fell deeply in love" was told at Windsor last month.

Mary Helena Mitchell, aged 35, was fined £5 for stealing £42 19s. 2d. monies of the Bachelors' Arms public-house, Christmas Club, and Leslie William Hewett, aged 22, of the 2nd Bn. Grenadier Guards, stationed at Chelsea Barracks, was fined £6 for receiving money, knowing it to have been stolen.

Chief Constable Carter said that Mitchell, the daughter-in-law of the licensee of the Bachelors' Arms, was treasurer of the Christmas Club.

Met Once A Month

On December 17 she left the house and a note delivered to her husband shortly afterwards stated that by the time he received it she would be out of the way. Hewett was interviewed, and he stated that since last April he had been secretly meeting Mitchell at Windsor about once a month.

Hewett, in evidence, said that the secret meetings began when his battalion was at Aldershot. As he could not afford out of his Army pay the fare to Windsor, Mrs. Mitchell sent him money. He had no idea that she had taken the money from the Christmas Club.

It was stated that Mitchell's husband and father-in-law had paid back all the money, and club members had not lost in any way. The husband had offered to take her back.

ORGANISER OF AIR  
RAID PLANSFirst Appointment  
In London

Cmdr. R. H. Errington, R.N. (Retd.), has been appointed honorary organiser for air raid precautions by the Holborn Borough Council. It is the first appointment of its kind made in London.

He will work with a special committee of the Council and will have office accommodation at Holborn Town Hall.

Cmdr. Errington will keep in close touch with the special department of the Home Office, which is planning a national scheme," said the Deputy Mayor (Councillor W. E. Muller). "He is now working out the practical details for Holborn."

Cmdr. Errington, who distinguished himself as a gunnery officer during the war, retired from the Navy about eight years ago.

stone and Eastbourne, where people flock the sea fronts to view her sailing her way along at a height of 1,500 feet above the water.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

London: The German airship Hindenburg, on its maiden voyage across the Atlantic to Brazil, was sighted from several south-coast towns early yesterday afternoon flying westward over the Channel and making good progress against a strong headwind.—British Wireless Service.

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